

The Wave Of Fires in Israel - November 2016

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November 22 – November 29



1773 fires in open areas – 161 large/severe



More than 41,000 dunams (41 sq. km) destroyed



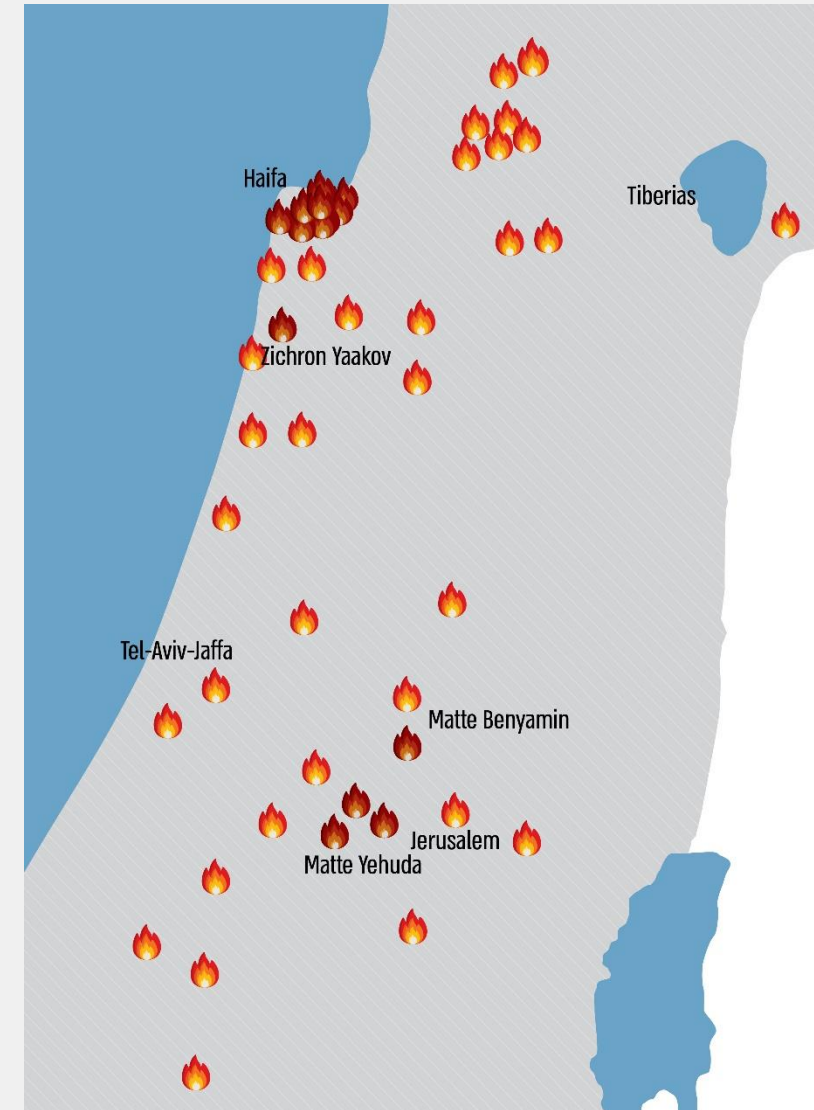
More than 1,900 apartments damaged
580 uninhabitable



68,000 residents evacuated



Cost of damages: Over 647M shekels
(€154M; \$176M)



Recent audit reports

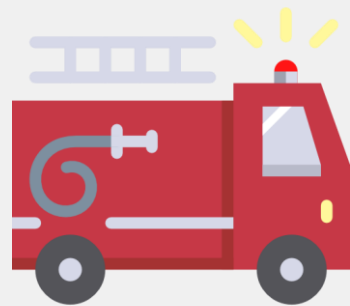
- The Mount Carmel Fire 2010 Report – Failure, Mistakes, Conclusions (June 2012)
- Readiness Report for Fires and Weather Damages (September 2015)



The fire in Haifa – November 24, 2016

Main subjects examined

- The Preparedness of the Local Authorities for Fires
- Their Actions during the Wave of Fires in November 2016
- Compensation for the Damages and the Cost to the Economy



Audit actions



August 2017 – May 2018



Local authorities Investigated:

- Haifa
- Zichron Yaakov
- Matte Yehuda
- Matte Benyamin



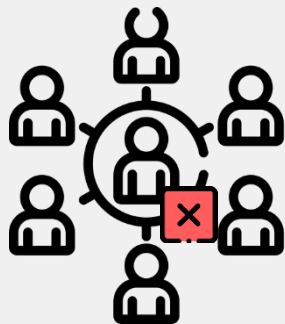
Supplementary investigations

- Office of the Prime Minister - The National Security Council
- Ministry of Public (Homeland) Security - Israel Fire and Rescue Services, Israel Police
- Ministry of Defense – IDF, National Emergency Authority
- Ministry of the Interior
- Ministry of Finance – Budget Department, Property Tax Compensation Fund
- Ministry of Justice - Estates Committee
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Labor, Welfare, and Social Services
- Magen David Adom
- Jewish National Fund
- Israel Nature and Parks Authority
- The Water Authority
- Mekorot Water Corporation Ltd.
- Carmel Water Corporation Ltd.
- Mayanot Ha'amakim Ltd.
- Meimei Mevo'ot Yerushalayim Ltd.



The Main Deficiencies:

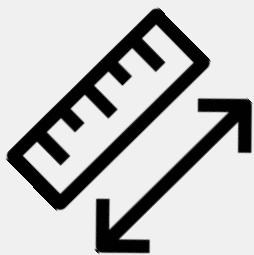
The Normative Fire Preparedness Infrastructure of the Local Authorities



No authorized body to enforce guidelines



Ordinances and regulations of the Fire Services have not yet been approved

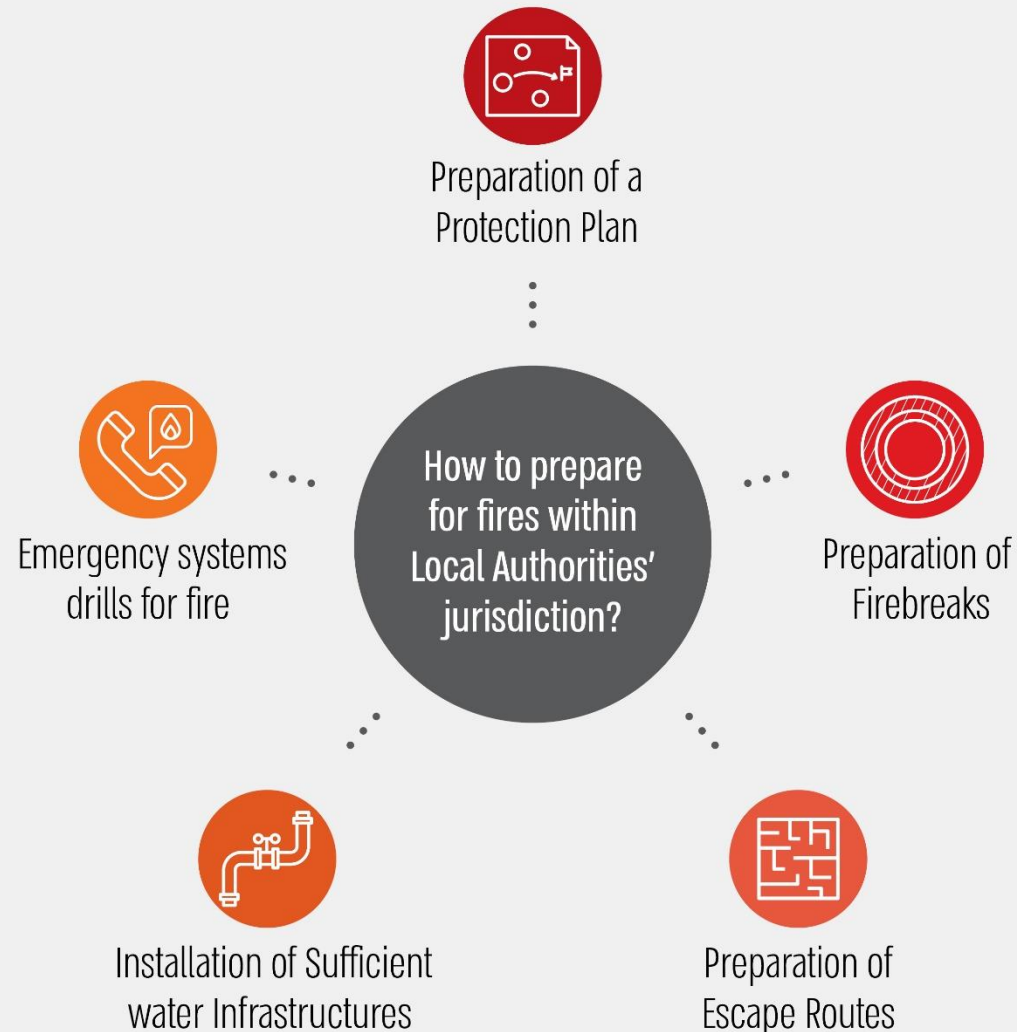


No uniform, compulsory, objective scale for measuring readiness



No regulations regarding inspection of fire detection and fire extinguishing systems in multi-story buildings

Local Authorities' Preparedness for Fires



The Main Deficiencies:

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Non-preparation of a fire protection plan



Non-preparation of firebreaks



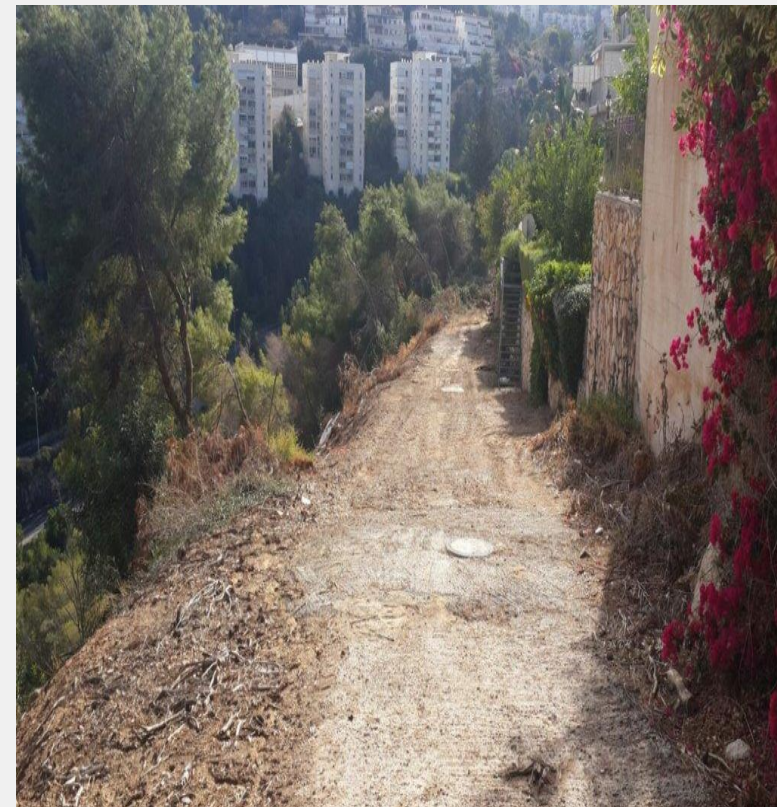
Non-preparation of escape routes



Lack of sufficient water infrastructures



Non-practice of emergency fire systems



Firebreak for protection from fires

The Main Deficiencies:

Functioning of the Local Authorities during the wave of fires

- Failures in managing the operations centers
- Absence of entry permits
- Shortcomings in evacuating the population
- Shortcomings in evacuating educational institutions



The Main Deficiencies:

The process of compensating for damages and the costs to the economy

- Compensation by the Compensation Fund
- Claim process and compensation to the local authorities that were investigated
- Assistance from the Ministry of the Interior



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The main damages and costs amounted

647 million nis



PRIVATE CITIZENS

248 million nis



OTHER BODIES

132 million nis



GOVERNMENT OFFICES

85 million nis



LOCAL AUTHORITIES

182 million nis

No compensation was paid for damage

281 million nis

Compensation paid by the state

366 million nis



Preparedness Means Life



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